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4-48 E. Cross St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1850-1867

The pair of houses at 4-6 E. Cross St. was originally built as a pair of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, but 4 E. Cross St. has been enlarged and is now three stories in height with a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 8 E. Cross St. is a small, two story, gable-roofed house typical of the type built on nearby Patapsco St. in the 1850's. 10 and 12-38 E. Cross St. are all three story, two bay wide, brick houses with gable roofs that serve a mixed commercial/residential purpose. The houses were built both just before and just after the Civil War by John S. Gittings and George Williamson, who each built alternating pairs of similar houses. 26-28 and 38 E. Cross St. have had their original gable roofs rebuilt as shed roofs and 38 E. Cross St. has a bracketed cornice. 46 E. Cross St. is a three story, two bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice whose first floor area is currently being converted to a shopfront. 48 E. Cross St. is a two story, two bay wide, brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice which has recently been converted to modern shopfront space.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 12 E. Cross St.

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

STATE Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story, two bay brick house with gable roof was built in the 1860's as part of the development of this side of Cross St. The facade of the house has been covered with formstone and the first floor area converted into a neighborhood bar.

The house is three stories in height, 14 1/2' wide, and occupies a lot 73' deep. The house is two rooms deep, with a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. The house occupies the north-east corner of Cross and Patapsco Streets and a modern concrete block one story high structure has been added to the original rear section to extend its width to the edge of the lot on Patapsco St. and to extend its depth to the end of the lot on the north. An open frame porch runs back along the entire depth of the original addition at the second story level. The house is constructed in running bond but the facade has been covered with formstone. There is a single covered chimney located along the east side of the rear roof gable. There is also a rear end chimney located at the north end of the rear addition.

Although the original treatment of the door and window lintels and sills has been hidden by the formstone covering, it is apparent that the second floor window openings had segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums and that the third floor windows had flat lintels. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area currently serves as a local bar. There is a centrally located flush door flanked by two small octagonal windows. The entrance is reached by one stone step.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1858-1866

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George W. Williamson

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house is significant as being representative of a large group of three story, gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the area immediately surrounding the Cross St. Market to serve as combination commercial/residential structures. The first floor area served as a store-front and the family lived on the floors above. Many such houses have separate street entrances to the private family quarters.

This house, and neighboring houses at 18-20, 26-28, and 34-36 E. Cross St. were built by George W. Williamson, an active local builder and developer, as part of his development, along with John S. Gittings, of this side of Cross St. Williamson and Gittings acquired the large lot running along Cross St. between Patapsco and Marshall Sts. and north to Poultney St. in 1835, along with the lot to the south where the Cross St. Market now stands.<sup>1</sup> In 1845 they subdivided the lot, each taking alternating, double parcels along Cross St. Gittings began to build on his lots in the late 1850's, but both builders apparently were interrupted by the Civil War in the completion of their projects, and Williamson did not begin to lease his lots to individual owners until 1866.<sup>2</sup>

The first owner of this house was a John Dealman, who ran a bakery at this location.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber TK 251, Folio 23<sup>3</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1868-9<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber AWB 353, Folio 44; Liber AM 302, Folio 40

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14'6" x 73'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

5/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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E. HAMBURG

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PATAPSCO

LIGHT

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POULTNEY

ST. MARSHALL

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E. CROSS

NOTICE

THIS IS A REAL PROPERTY PLAT AS PROVIDED  
IN THE ARTICLES OF THE CITY CHARTER

DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF  
PROPERTY

WARD 2



B-3324  
12 E. Cross Street  
Block 0935A Lot 027  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







B-3324      12 E. Cross St.

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South and west elevations